

Please enter the following amendments in the claims:

1. (amended) A process for the production of multiphase cleaning tablets comprising the steps of
- a) tableting a particulate premix to form tablets with a cavity,
  - b) preparing a melt suspension or emulsion from a coating material with a melting point above 30°C and one or more active substance(s) dispersed or suspended therein,
  - c) filling the cavity tablets with the melt suspension or emulsion at a temperature[s] above the melting point of the coating material.
  - d) cooling and optionally aftertreating the filled cleaning tablets
2. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein [characterized in that] the particulate premix tabletted in step a) contains builders in quantities of 20 to 80% by weight, [preferably in quantities of 25 to 75% by weight and more preferably in quantities of 30 to 70% by weight,] based on the premix.
3. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 1 [or 2, characterized in that], wherein the particulate premix tabletted in step a) contains surfactant(s)[, preferably nonionic surfactants(s),] in quantities of 0.5 to 10% by weight [, preferably in quantities of 0.75 to 7.5% by weight and more preferably in quantities of 1.0 to 5% by weight,] based on the premix.
4. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 3, characterized in that], wherein the particulate premix

tabletted in step a) has a bulk density above 600 g/l[, preferably above 700 g/l and more preferably above 800 g/l].

5. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[a] 1 [to 4, characterized in that], wherein the particulate premix tabletted in step a) has a particle size distribution where less than 10% by weight[, preferably less than 7.5% by weight and more preferably less than 5% by weight] of the particles are larger than 1600  $\mu\text{m}$  or smaller than 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 5, [characterized in that], wherein the particulate premix tabletted in step a) has a particle size distribution where more than 30% by weight[, preferably more than 40% by weight and more preferably more than 50% by weight] of the particles are between 600 and 1,000  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

7. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 6, characterized in that], wherein multilayer tablets comprising a cavity are tabletted [in known manner] in step a) by pressing several different particulate premixes onto one another.

8. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 7, [characterized in that], wherein two-layer tablets comprising a cavity are tabletted in step a) by pressing onto one another [two different] a first particulate premix[es] and a second particulate premix, wherein the first premix [of which one] contains one or more bleaching agents and the [other] second premix contains one or more enzymes.

9. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 7 [or 8, characterized in that], wherein two-layer tablets comprising a

cavity are tabletted in step a) by pressing onto one another [two different] a first particulate premix[es] and a second particulate premix, wherein the first premix [of which one] contains one or more bleaching agents and the [other] second premix contains one or more bleach activators.

10. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 9, characterized in that], wherein the coating material in step b) has a melting range of 45°C to 75°C.

11. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 10, characterized in that], wherein the coating material contains at least one paraffin wax with a melting range of 50°C to 55°C.

12. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 10, characterized in that], wherein the coating material contains at least one substance selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycols (PEGs) [and/or], polypropylene glycols (PPGs), and mixtures thereof.

13. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 12, characterized in that], wherein the coating material makes up 20 to 95% by weight[, preferably 30 to 70% by weight and more preferably 40 to 50% by weight] of the melt suspension or emulsion prepared in step b).

14. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 13, characterized in that], wherein the active substance(s) in the melt suspension or emulsion prepared in step b) [is/are] comprises a member selected from the group consisting of enzymes, bleaching agents, bleach activators, surfactants, corrosion

inhibitors, scale inhibitors, cobuilders, [and/or] perfumes, and mixtures thereof.

15. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 14, [characterized in that], wherein the active substance(s) in the melt suspension or emulsion prepared in step b) [is/are] comprises a member selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants[, more particularly alkoxylated alcohols].

16. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 14, [characterized in that], wherein the active substance(s) in the melt suspension or emulsion prepared in step b) [is/are] comprises a member selected from the group consisting of oxygen bleaching agents or halogen bleaching agents[, more particularly chlorine bleaching agents].

17. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in claim 14, [characterized in that], wherein the active substance(s) in the melt suspension or emulsion prepared in step b) [is/are] comprises a bleach activator selected from the group consisting [of bleach activators, more particularly from the groups] of polyacylated alkylenediamines, [more especially tetraacetythylenediamine (TAED),] N-acylimides, [more particularly N-nonanoylsuccinimide (NOSI),] acylated phenol sulfonates, [more particularly n-nonanoyl- or isononanoyl-oxybenzenesulfonate (n- or iso-NOBS),] n-methyl morpholinium acetonitrile methylsulfate (MMA), and mixtures thereof.

18. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim 1 [to 17, characterized in that], wherein the active substance(s) [make(s) up] comprises 5 to 50% by weight[, preferably 10 to 45% by weight and more preferably 20 to 40% by weight] of the melt

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suspension or emulsion prepared in step b).

19. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 18, characterized in that], wherein the melt suspension or emulsion prepared in step b) contains [other auxiliaries] an auxiliary selected from the group consisting of antisedimenting agents, antissettling agents, antifloating agents, thixotropicizing agents [and], dispersion aids, and mixtures thereof in quantities of 0.5 to 8.0% by weight, [preferably in quantities of 1.0 to 5.0% by weight and more preferably in quantities of 1.5 to 3.0% by weight,] based on the melt suspension or emulsion.

20. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 19, characterized in that], wherein the melt suspension or emulsion prepared in step b) additionally contains an emulsifier[s] selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohols, fatty acids, polyglycerol esters [and/or], polyoxyalkylene siloxanes, and mixtures thereof in quantities of 1 to 20% by weight, [preferably in quantities of 2 to 15% by weight and more preferably in quantities of 2.5 to 10% by weight,] based on the melt suspension or emulsion.

21. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 20, characterized in that], wherein step c) is carried out at temperatures at most 10°C, [preferably at most 5°C and more preferably at most 2°C] above the solidification temperature of the melt suspension or emulsion.

22. (amended) [A] The process as claimed in [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 21, characterized in that], wherein, in step c), the melt suspension or emulsion is introduced into the cavity tablet by a

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